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POLITICAL REFORM.

The key note to one of the addresses delivered in Honolulu on Monday last was the duty of our citizens because they are Americans. The binding obligation of citizenship to secure good nominations and to guard the ballot box has been frequently discussed in the columns of the Advertiser, and its power to suppress grafters has been specially illustrated by the extraordinary reform movement in California, of which the Merchants' Association of San Francisco is the head. The last annual report of the directors of that body is specially interesting and important. It shows three convictions for fraudulent voting during the year, to which may be added, the expulsion of three members of the State Senate for accepting bribes, their subsequent indictment and the conviction of the only one who has been so far tried. This, however, is a small part of the good accomplished by and through the Association. It presented ten bills to the legislature, all for the punishment and prevention of frauds, which were passed and approved. It brought or assisted in a number of actions, in aid of civil service and of clean elections, all of which, so far as decided, were successful. It secured a city ordinance for free flower markets, that stood the test of judicial investigation. In the case of Quinn vs. Maehr, Auditor of San Francisco, in which the plaintiff was represented by counsel for the Association; the salaries of five appointees of the Board of Health, deliberately selected in violation of civil service rules, were tied up, and the opinion of Judge M. C. Sloss, of the Superior Court, was unusually positive and distinct. He nullified the proceedings of the Board of Health, on the ground, among others, that it had acted from political or personal motives and for the benefit of a faction, and, to accomplish this purpose, had overridden provisions of the San Francisco charter.

The membership of the Association exceeds 1400, and includes many influential and intelligent citizens, who are steadily preparing to control the next primaries and elections and sweep a corrupt regime out of existence. The central point is that, if the nominations of competent and honest men by all parties are forced, through fair primaries, political differences will not affect administration. At the last annual dinner this fundamental proposition was emphasized with remarkable unanimity and strength. President Symmes said: "If we are to have good government, as we wish to have, we must have good men in office. If we are to have good men in office, we must have good men nominated for office; and the nominations for officers are the keynote of the situation." Governor Pardee endorsed these words in that emphatic language which marks all his speeches, and added: "I congratulate you on the good work you have inaugurated, and it is to be hoped that you will go on until every felon who stuffs a ballot box at a primary or a general election will fill a felon's cell." Senator Charles M. Belshaw, who is completely identified with the effective movement in progress, was equally explicit: "There is no good reason why politics should not be conducted along the same moral plane as one would manage his business affairs. Crooked business men are not tolerated; crooked politicians should not be tolerated." Colonel H. Weinstein followed up the idea with graphic force and uttered these memorable truths:

"Political graft and civil liberty cannot thrive in the same soil; the one will swallow up and destroy the other."

"If this Republic is to pass away, the cause will be graft, political graft, that saps and undermines the very foundation upon which this nation rests."

James H. Barry, more closely allied to the wage-earners than perhaps any of the other speakers but always an advocate of civic integrity, endorsed the action of the Association, in stirring terms, and gave the following practical advice:

"If the people want good government, they must give more attention to the primaries, where all the mischief in politics originates. It is not enough to vote for delegates; they should also select the delegates for whom they vote."

In these references, there is hope and suggestion for the Civic Federation of Honolulu, which, in line with similar organizations in most of the large cities of the Union, has already made an excellent beginning. The Merchants' Association here may well emulate the example of its sister association in San Francisco. Other leading bodies can afford to cooperate and follow the movements, in which President Roosevelt's reiterated declarations in favor of a combination of intelligence and integrity all over the country, are brought to definite and far-reaching results. If there is no relaxation of effort, and if genuine patriotism, common sense, and disinterestedness are united, the Hawaiian Islands may soon reach the condition described by Mr. Barry, when he triumphantly announced that "one fraudulent voter is in the penitentiary, another is in jail, others are awaiting trial, and all the rascals are on the run."

THE CHINESE QUESTION.

The Chinese situation in the United States is this: Farmers all over the North want help but they cannot get it from the Italians, Huns and Russian Jews who are flocking into the cities and staying there. Planters all over the extreme South want to hold the Chinese market for their cotton but they cannot hope to do so in face of the retaliatory Chinese boycott on American imports. Capital engaged in constructive enterprises which cannot go on with dear labor want cheap Chinese labor; and such capitalists are as much of one mind about Chinese on the Pacific coast as on the Atlantic. Finally, housewives in the North and West are having trouble with the servant problem which many of them would like to solve by employing Asiatics.

The opposition to renewed Chinese immigration comes, in the main, from the unions of skilled labor. Of course, organized unskilled labor is of the same mind, but such labor is confined to cities and is generally alien itself—more undesirably so than Chinese. It is not necessary to pay much attention to the opinions of Russian, Hungarian or Italian hod-carriers about other foreigners in settling a question which the American people think of as vital to themselves. But the sentiments of skilled labor must be justly weighed along with the sentiments of the employing classes.

Would it not be practicable to make a treaty with China for the admission of a certain number of thousands of unskilled laborers per year for a period of ten years, forbidding their entrance to the trades under pain of forfeiture of their right to stay in the country? This would remove all the valid objections which have been raised against Chinese immigration and be a help both to American commerce and agriculture.

Most of the objections to the Chinese made by Denis Kearney's sand-lotters could not bear analysis. The Chinamen's vices usually put them to sleep and it would have been well for California if the sand-lotters' vices had also driven them to their beds. We need not fear the vices of the celestial so much as those of his professional detractors. When Denis Kearney argued that the Chinese are undesirable because they send their money out of the country he was wildly applauded by a crowd which was contributing every year to a fund of millions to go to Parnell and the Pope. No matter who the foreigner is he sends money home and the fact is to his credit—as much so to the man from Canton as from Limerick or Wurtemberg or Naples. If we are to have alien labor at all it must be on such conditions.

Finally it was said that the Chinese won't assimilate with the Americans. Who wants them to assimilate? To our mind the best kind of alien rough and ready labor is that which keeps at it and does not get infected with the idea of running the country and electing Presidents. In this class we put the Asiatic, the Italian, Hungarian and Russian Jew. The negro should have been kept in that condition also, as a means of rendering the greatest good to the greatest number.

But the complaint of skilled labor against alien pauper competition we can sympathize with; and that, as the only logical thing in the way of a reasonable amount of Chinese immigration, ought to be settled between the United States and China in a manner satisfactory to both sides.

Russia will not sink the Potemkin, thinking that the mutineers will starve and surrender. But what is to prevent the mutineers from scuttling the battleship and going ashore outside of Russia? That is the more likely course of the two.

Secretary Taft should stop over and sit on the Honolulu lid for a while.

REALTY TRANSACTIONS

Entered for Record July 5, 1905.

John S. Kauwe to Yuen Kee. L
Samuel Wallace to Charles Wallace. D
Mrs. C. H. Brown to Trs. Est. of S. C. Allen. M
Anastacia de Jesus to Jose Barboza. Rel
Maria A. Baptista and hsb to Port. Mut. Ben Socy of Haw. P
Kaplan Est. Ltd. et al to W. C. Achi. M
William C. Achi and by Tr. to W. B. Jones. D
Wm. B. Jones and wf to Sarah R. Kay. M
Wahawa Water Co. to Plan. P
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Charles E. Frasher to Alexander K. Lewis. A M

Recorded June 26, 1905.

Aiau and wf to Ah Hip. M; 10557 sq ft land and bldgs, Kukuau, Hilo, Hawaii. \$200. B 271, p 127. Dated May 30, 1905.
Aiau to Wing Man Chong, C M; int in leasehold, bldgs, mdse, etc, Piopio, etc, Hilo, Hawaii. \$550. B 271, p 129. Dated June 1, 1905.

John Nevin to J. D. Neal Co. Ltd, B S; stock and mdse in bus of Hanapepe Soda Works, Hanapepe, Kauai. \$500. B 274, p 167. Dated June 22, 1905.
Levers & Cooke Ltd to Carl Ontal, B S; int in leasehold, bldgs, etc, River St, Honolulu, Oahu. B 274, p 168. Dated June 24, 1905.

Bishop & Co. to Sister Albertina, A M; mtg A. L. Keohokalohe and hsb et al on ap 2 R P 344 kul 1000 bldgs, etc, Peleula, Honolulu, Oahu. \$1. B 271, p 132. Dated June 5, 1905.

Luk Shing Wai Co by mtg to H. A. Heen, For Affd; leasehold, livestock, rice crops, fowls, tools, etc, Moanalua, Honolulu, Oahu. B 271, p 132. Dated June 26, 1905.

Joao A. Nunes and wf to Port Mutl Ben Socy of Hawaii, M; lots 9 and 18 blk 8, Kewalo tract, Honolulu, Oahu. \$300. B 268, p 395. Dated June 26, 1905.

Ching Lum to Ching Yam Sing, BS; int in 1 share in Iwilei Investmt Co. \$1400. B 274, p 169. Dated June 21, 1905.

Ane Yomes and hsb to John T. Moir, D; int in por gr 1341, Kahala, Hilo, Hawaii. \$200. B 272, p 192. Dated June 20, 1905.

Wing Wo to Olaa Sug Co Ltd, C M; cane on lots 21, 51 and 53, Olaa tract, Puna, Hawaii. \$1 and advs. B 271, p 136. Dated May 5, 1905.

Chin Ah Tin to Olaa Sugar Co Ltd, C M; cane on lot 5 and parts of lots 24 and 25, Olaa tract, Puna, Hawaii. \$1 and advs. B 271, p 143. Dated Jan 26, 1905.

A Grossi to Olaa Sug Co Ltd, C M; cane on lot 20, Olaa tract, Puna, Hawaii. \$1 and advs. B 271, p 149. Dated June 22, 1905.

Joseph Goo Kim Tr to Chin Jam Yen et als, D; lot 9 of R P 1231 kul 7179 Kuakini St, Honolulu, Oahu. \$500. B 272, p 193. Dated Mar 17, 1905.

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